

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as shown immediately below with all changes (e.g., additions, deletions, modifications) included, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i).

Claims

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented process for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referenced in the referencing document, the process comprising:

aggregating ~~a~~the referencing document and ~~a~~the referenced document referenced in the referencing document to form an aggregate document;

indexing the aggregate document, based on index terms contained in the referencing document and in the referenced documents forming the aggregate document, to form an aggregate document index;

~~searching among the aggregate documents~~ by operating on said aggregate document index; and

~~returning providing~~, as a result of the searching step, a located ~~an~~ aggregate document.

Claims 2–3 (cancelled herewith).

Claims 4–7 (previously cancelled).

8. (previously amended) A search engine for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referenced in the referencing document, the search engine comprising an inverted index table of aggregate documents, wherein an entry in the index table is associated to an aggregate document ~~comprising~~ aggregating the referencing document and the referenced document.

9. (previously amended) The search engine of claim 8, further comprising;

a display routine adapted to display, for a result comprising ~~a~~the referencing document or ~~a~~the referenced document;

content of the referencing document; and

information or attribute of the referenced document.

10. (previously entered) The computer-implemented process of claim ~~10~~1, further comprising the step of displaying an aggregate document with

a content of the referencing document; and

information or attribute of the referenced document.

11. (previously entered) The computer-implemented process of claim ~~10~~1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing document and at least two referenced documents in the referencing document, and wherein the

process further comprises a step of selecting a subset of the referenced documents.

12. (previously entered) The computer-implemented process of claim ~~10~~1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing

document and at least two referenced documents referenced in the referencing document, and

wherein the process further comprises a step of sorting referenced documents.

13. (new) The computer-implemented process of claim 10, wherein the information or attribute comprise a link to the referenced document.

14. (new) The computer-implemented process of claim 10 wherein the process comprises, for a result, the display of

content of the referencing document;

information or attribute of a first document referenced in the referencing document; and

information or attribute of a second document referenced in the referencing document.